

crowded, the airports are over capacity, and the freeways are congested nightmares. We need an alternative to air travel, and I think high-speed rail is the answer.

That's why I introduced H.R. 2341, the Magnetic Levitation Transportation Technology Deployment Act. My bill provides almost \$1 billion over 6 years for research grants, planning and design, and construction of a Maglev project. The first 2 years would provide \$50 million for research, corridor planning, and development. The final 4 years would provide \$940 million for additional research and construction. H.R. 2341 would usher the United States into the next generation of intercity travel.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, upon which I serve as a subcommittee chairman, has taken a more conservative approach to Maglev technology in its reauthorization of the Nation's surface transportation law. The Building Efficiency Surface Transportation Equity Act [BESTEA] reauthorizes the Swift Rail Development Act at \$35 million per year for corridor planning, research, and development. In recognition of my Maglev bill, our committee agreed to expand the Swift Rail Development Act to include Maglev systems. In short, BESTEA provides important re-

search and planning funds like H.R. 2341, but it is silent on the construction phase of the program. I believe this is a good start for Maglev, and I look forward to working with our chairman to improve upon this program.

In the Senate, the chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee has included a Maglev program in his reauthorization bill that is almost identical to H.R. 2341. I commend the chairman and ranking member for their leadership in making Maglev a transportation priority, and I intend to work with them in conference to see that a Maglev program is included in the final bill sent to the President.

IN HONOR OF TAYLOR E. GOODE
ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE
SCOUT

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Taylor Goode of North Olmsted, OH, who will

be honored on October 12, 1997, for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the Nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and praise Taylor for his achievement.